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Heroes: A Workshop for Those Who Work With Young People

Two renowned presenters will participate in a workshop sponsored by the Eisenhower Center and the Eisenhower Foundation on the importance of heroes in the lives of young Americans. On Saturday, October 16, Dr. Dennis Denenberg and Dr. Charles A. Smith will lead the one-day workshop held in the new Reader's Digest Foundation Education Center in the Eisenhower museum. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Denenberg, Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania, will relay the message that children should seek out heroes who are real people, not just in comic books and in the movies. He inspires both young and old across the nation to look past such characters as Superman and Mickey Mouse as heroes, and rather look up to Walt Disney, Mickey's creator. Denenberg, a former high school social studies teacher, elementary school principal, and assistant superintendent of schools, has authored several books dealing with heroes.

In a similar vein, Dr. Charles A. Smith, professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University, shows how to encourage the virtue of everyday courage in children. He explains how courage develops in eight stages from birth to adolescences, and provides solid information and practical ideas to help promote courage in each of those stages. Smith is the author of *Raising Courageous Kids*.

The workshop will include a panel discussion by several local residents who have been invited to comment on Abilene's hometown hero, Dwight D. Eisenhower. For further information and registrations, please contact Judy Leyerzapf, associate education coordinator for the Eisenhower Foundation at the Eisenhower Library, at judy.leyerzapf@nara.gov, or by calling 785-263-6700 or toll free 1-877-RING IKE.



Photo caption: Dr. Dennis Denenberg portrays one of his "heroes."